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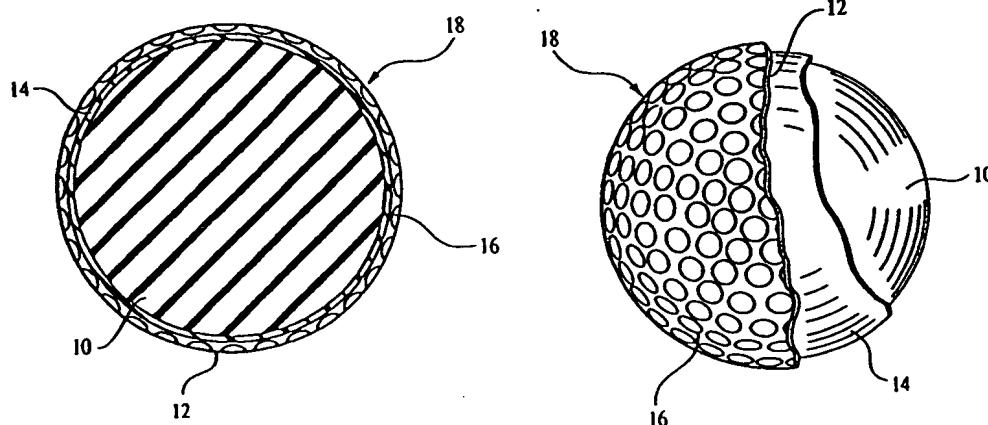
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ABSTRACT

The present invention is directed to an improved multi-layer
golf ball comprising a core, an inner cover layer and an outer
cover layer. The inner cover layer is comprised of a low acid
ionomer blend which may or may not include a filler such as
zinc-stearate. The outer cover layer is comprised of a soft,
non-ionomeric thermoplastic or thermosetting elastomer
such as polyurethane, polyester or polyesteramide. The
resulting multi-layered golf ball of the present invention
provides for enhanced distance without sacrificing playabil-
ity or durability when compared to known multi-layer golf
balls.

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